

Subject: Contact with AECASSOWARY 2 and 17.
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1. Contact Mechanics.

Two meetings were held with Subject in New York City. The first took place in Room 667, Hotel Taft, on Friday 24 Feb., from 1600 to 1930 hours. The second took place, with AECASSOWARY 17 only, at the bar in the Taft hotel, the next day, 25 February, from 1200 to 1300 hours. Purpose of the meeting was to check with AECASSOWARY 17 on the progress he has made regarding his study on the national problem in the USSR as reflected in Ukrainian developments, and also to give specific questions and specific source requests, per the enclosed list of questions. AECASSOWARY 17, it will be recalled took sick over a month ago and had just returned to work.

2. Topics Discussed:

a. The Study on Ukrainian Developments.

All questions were gone over in detail. It was agreed that rather than waiting for a month or two for a final paper on all matters in one fell swoop, AECASSOWARY 17 would send, by letter drop, his findings on each question, one at a time. Then if there would be any follow-up, this would also be via correspondence through Ann Stunder's mail-drop facility.

b. Ivan KOLASKA.

AECASSOWARY 2 asked what I knew about this chap. I replied what I knew, that he had given a speech in New York and that Prolog has assessed him as not necessarily clean. I did not reveal that we have a copy of his English-language manuscript, obtained through the Canadians. However, AECASS 2 did not volunteer the information that he too has a copy of the KOLASKA study, obtained through his own sources (according to [])

c. Funding and Security.

AECASSOWARY 2 showed worry that the expose of CIA funding through foundations may blow Prolog. He suggested that the best way out would be to find an American millionaire who might act as a funding mechanism, in place of a foundation.

AECASSOWARY 17 emphasized the security angle by reciting a meeting he attended in New York the day before, 23 Feb 67. This was a meeting of around one-half dozen UCCA leaders, AECASS 17 attending for Prolog. The chairman of the meeting, U.S. born Joseph Lesawyer, president of the Ukrainian National Association and a U.S. army officer in reserve status, questioned AECASS 17's right to be present, "since Prolog is connected with CIA." AECASS 17 came back at Lesawyer, asking him for proof. Lesawyer backed down, saying the CIA link was a "general rumor." AECASSOWARY 17 wanted to know how come the OUN/B, the OUN/M, Dushnyk, or Dobriansky are not questioned about their bona fides since they take money from

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the West Germans and from others.

d. Expo 67.

According to AECASS 2, the Soviets are planning big things in Montreal on the Ukrainian front this year. There will be a week-long "Soviet Week," one day of it dedicated to the Russians, the second day to the Ukrainians, and the rest of the week to the rest of the Soviet ~~maneria~~ managerie. TRONKO, Vice-Premiaer of the Ukrainian SSR, will come from Kiev to be the chief spokesman of the Soviet Ukrainians. Ambassador SHPEDKO will also take part (he is the Soviet Ambassador to Canada). Viktor CHERNYAVSKIY, KGB specialist from the Uke SSR's Permanent Delegation to the UN at New York, is already making plans for the Montreal affair--practically everybody in his New York office will go to Montreal. CHERNYAVSK IY has harnassed another Soviet Uke UN employee to his operational team-- (fnu) KHMIL', who works in the UN secretariat in New York as an alleged "international employee."

e. KOROTYCH, Vitaliy.

This poet is now at Columbia University studying journalism under some sort of UNESCO grant. AECASS 2 reported that his sources hold that by next week KOROTYCH is supposed to be at the Univ. of Minnesota in Minneapolis, but that he wants to stay longer at Columbia. His stipend, apparently, does not allow for being footloose with his time, and KOROTYCH apparently complained that he wants to stay in New York but that the sly Americans want to send him "to the provinces" to get him away from New York.

f. Other.

Prolog is still working on the translation into English of the DZYUBA document but it will be finished "soon;" it would be fine to have it translated into French and Italian, AECASSO ARY 2 opined..... Still no solution to the document missing at New York customs; AECASS 2 stated that he now inclines to the view that some customs employee must be responsible for the loss, not SHANDOR and not the old chap who brought the document into this country.....Cardinal SLIPYY knows President of the USSR Nikolay PODGORNYY personally, for when SLIPYY was aprisoner he was interviewed by PODGORNYY; however, AECASS 2 does not know whether SLIPYY and PODGORNYY saw each other when PODGORNYY had his recent interview with Pope Paul VIAECASS 17 was interested in knowing about the publication prospects of his arricle for "Problems of Communism."

1. Please list any sources (Soviet or in the emigre press) that give evidence of Ukrainian opposition to Moscow's nationality policies since the 20th CPSU Congress (1956).
2. Sources or statistics regarding the claim made at the 20th CPSU Congress that new Republic ministries had been created in Kiev at the expense of All-Union ministries in Moscow. What new ministries were created? What about expanded functions?
3. Any Ukrainian (or Moscow) sources regarding the claim of the 20th and 21st CPSU congresses that the Economic Committee of the USSR Supreme Soviet's Council of Nationalities had been assigned expanded duties. What precise new duties did it obtain? Any sources?
4. Sources on the "rehabilitation struggle" in the Ukraine. Who has, and who has not, been rehabilitated? Arguments for and against rehabilitation.
5. Who is the unnamed Moscow historian attacked by MIKOYAN and PANKRATOVA at the 20th Congress for writing a bad history of the Ukraine? What was title of his work? Any Kiev attack on the same historian?
6. What to Kiev sources say about the rights of the Union Republics or the status of the non-Russians in connection with the writing of a new Soviet constitution?
7. Ukrainian or Kiev sources expanding the charge that the "anti-Party group" mistrusted the non-Russians, was against expanding the rights of the Union republics?
8. Are there any Ukrainian sources showing opposition to resettlement of Ukrainians to Khrushchev's virgin-lands areas? Any sources showing how this recruitment was done in the Ukraine? Any attack on this program after Khrushchev's fall?
9. All sources showing "discussion" of Khrushchev's new education law and its language-of-instruction provisions. Any opposition to this policy before and after Khrushchev's fall?
10. Sources on how the Ukrainians accepted the Sovnarkhoz experiment. Any opposition to it, and on what grounds? Did the Sovnarkhoz experiment expand or restrict the role of the Ukrainian republic? Did Ukrainians criticise the experiment after Khrushchev's fall? What arguments were used against it? Sources.
11. Khrushchev's "Third Program" said the borders of the national republics are gradually losing their significance. Any sources showing Ukrainian opposition to this thinking?

12. Khrushchev spoke of the need of creating "interrepublic zonal bodies" in the new state of expanding building of communism. Was this tried with respect to the Ukraine and was there any opposition, or criticism of this concept, either before or after Khrushchev's fall? Sources.
13. All sources showing ferment, criticism, approval or disapproval of Khrushchev's "Third Program" provisions for bringing national languages closer together, obliterating national differences, reciprocal enrichment of cultures, and "voluntary" study of Russian.
14. What happened to the nationality provisions of Khrushchev's "Third Program" after his fall? Was there relaxation in Kiev? More or less Russification? Sources requested.
15. What is the current policy re the study of Russian in Ukrainian schools? What regulations or resolutions serve as the legal bases for this policy? Is there any evidence of dissatisfaction or effort to change this situation? Sources.
16. Did any Ukrainian sources repeat PODGORNYY's charge at the 22nd CPSU Congress (1961) that in 1947 KAGANOVICH wanted to purge the poet Maksym RYLSKYI?
17. Any sources pointing to regulations or unwritten policies tending to Russianize the Ukraine.